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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

THE Society desiring to collect and preserve materials in order to enable the Historiographer to prepare and read before it, upon the demise of any member, a memorial of his life, these queries are forwarded to you with the earnest request that they may be answered *in extenso*, and returned without delay.

QUESTIONS.

1 What is your full name? *Answer.*
Joseph Henry Vail

2. What were the names of your parents? *A.*
Joseph Hamma Vail - Born 1810. Tarrytown
Jane Brown —— Tarrytown

3. What were the names of your grandparents? *A.*
James Vail Born 1779 — Tarrytown
wife Maria Van Wart — Tarrytown

4. When and where were you born? *A.*
Tarrytown, Nys. aug 18, 1832

5. If you are married, give the maiden name of your wife, and her residence, the names of her parents, the date of your marriage, and the place where you were married? *A.* June 1/81 wife Sophia Louise Wood, Tarrytown Nys
father Samuel Wood — England
mother Melvina Smith —

6. If you have had any children, give their names in the order of their birth. *A.*
Sophia Louise Vail Mar 21/82

7. If any member of your family is deceased, give the name and date of death. *A.* Wife Mar 31/82.

8. State where you were brought up and educated. *A.*

Tarrytown N.Y.

9. If you were graduated by any college, give the name and class. *A.*

none No.

10. State what degrees, if any, have been conferred, and by whom. *A.*

None.

11. State your occupation; and if you are a member of any of the learned professions. *A.* Publisher & Bookseller — Commenced in Book Business 1848 — Was with Woods 1856 to 1881. Apr 4 1881 on my own acct: retired May 1902

12. If you have held any public office, either Municipal, State or Federal, state what, when, and for how long. *A.*

None.

13. If you have been connected with any corporations, or other societies, state in what manner. *A.*

None.

14. If you have written any book, pamphlet or article which has been printed, state when and where published, and give titles in full, and please furnish copies to the Library of the Society. *A.*

None.

15. If any biographical sketch of you or history of your family has been printed, please refer to it? *A.* No.

16. Give in detail any incidents which have gone to make up the history of your life; acquaintance with distinguished men, etc.; in fact, everything that should be presented in a memorial of your life. *A.*

17. If any of your ancestors or descendants have held important positions of honor or trust, please give details. *A.*

18. If you can give the name of the first ancestor of the family in this country, please do so. *A.* Lieut. William Vail, Revolutionary army, Earliest Known Ancestor + father of Jas Vail (Question no 3) all lived and died at Tarrytown, N.Y.

NOTE.—Please also send to the Society, for its Album, a photographic likeness of yourself, with your autograph beneath it, if you have not already done so; and donations of anything you may have written will be particularly acceptable, as well as contributions germane to its Library and Cabinets.

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Dear Sir,

In turning over some old papers I found the enclosed circular which had been filled up & mislaid, which I now send to you —

I find several articles which may be of value to the Library

Yours C
Joseph Henry Vail.